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# I BELIEVE

I believe in nothing except human happiness. This attitude may be despised by those who aspire to what they call a higher spiritual life. I am just as much an idealist as they, but I realize that by idealism alone nothing can be effected in the world. Idealists who view all problems in the light of Christian teaching I admire for their sincerity, though I detest those Christians whose religion has degenerated to mere bigotry: on the other hand, I believe that Christians too often omit to consider what to me is an essential, that unless man's material needs are satisfied his appreciation of the higher things of life is severely limited. I hope for a greater degree of material happiness for all. I believe that only in a country where each man has a just reward for his services, has good and nourishing food, has a home where there is beauty instead of squalor, can a true and Christian morality exist. In a state where the mass of the people are confronted with the uncertainty of existence and the possibility of prolonged unemployment, morality is superseded by greed and avarice, by smugness and complacency.

moratity is supersected by greed and avarice, by sinugness and complacency. I do not wish to send Christians to the guillotine. I admire them as men and women, but I believe that they are salving their consciences by untimely thoughts of the greatness and glory of God, which exclude thoughts of all else. I consider that it is their duty to establish His greatness by taking effective political action to give all men and women alike the comfort to be true Christians. Britain is a constitutional monarchy, whose people still, in spite of the growth of authoritarian states in Europe, value the liberty of the citizen, the means I believe to human happiness. Though Britons resist attacks upon their liberty, they are as a whole apathetic to political issues and are unwilling to avail themsetives to the full of the liberty which they prize. Too often is the attention of the people diverted to trivial matters by ill-conceived and short-sighted idealism. Whether a man is a Christian, a vegetarian, a teetotaller or a combination of the three, he is also by his membership of the state a political animal. Political apathy is disenfranchisement and the negation of liberty. If we have ideals let us seek to make them a reality by the means at our disposal, the exercise of political power.

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For my own ideals I live and would die. Life without ideals is purposeless. Though at times I am perhaps inclined to fanaticism, I try to examine my own beliefs in the light of others' criticism and to consider their first principles without prejudice. If ever I am convicted of inconsistency or mistake, I try, though it is hard at times, to admit it with honesty and humility. I am enraged by persons who abusively condemn "these Conservatives" or "those Socialists," without so much as a single argument to bring against the programme of the political party they despise. They are those who have neither intelligence nor independence of judgment: whatever their political creeds, they belong to the class of Colonel Blimp and the views they express are born of emotion and fostered by the herd-instinct. Every citizen of a democratic state should be able to explain his views and the reasons for the way in which he votes. Prejudice and silence are the means by which Liberty is destroyed.

I believe that in this stage of our national history we should forget the personal differences that divide us, forget for example that A. is a churchman of harsh inflictible morals, while B is a degenerate loose-living atheist who misbehaves in the mixed common room (as probably Caesar and Charlemagne would have done), but rather that we should remember upon what issues the youth of this country is united. We should remember that whether we seem to be moralists or

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### WESSEX NEWS

Tuesday, May 16th, 1939.

Offices:
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COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON Editor-K. J. NEWMAN. Sub-Editor—D. J. Luke. Sports Editor—J. Counsell. Business Manager-J. R. MASTERMAN.

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#### Editorial.

Recently a protest was made at "Wessex News" reflected that "Wessex News" reflected only left wing opinions and deliberately suppressed right wing activities or minimised any reports which were actually printed. Such a statement was, we feel, due to a misunderstanding. Our policy has always been to give impartial attention to any society or body of opinion desiring space, making our sole criterion that of newsvalue. As far as possible we have refrained from initiating particular lines of discussion but when it has been necessary we have tried as far as possible to give equal opportunity to all sides. In our discussion of the "September Crisis" our writers included a conservative, a socialist, a pacifist and two women and in our present series "I Believe" two conservative articles have been followed this week by one of socialist bent.

Looking back on the whole Session, and taking the record of the Session's activities as reported in "Wessex News" the outsider would, not unnaturally,, come to the conclusion that this College is a stronghold of Socialism. That other opinions are also held here is proved by the defeat of the Socialist motion against the introduction of Conscription at a recent Union meeting, but two factors serve to give the College a predominantly socialist colour. The first is the zealous and persistent propaganda of the left wing element and the absolute legarthy and inertia of the right wing bloc and the second is the natural and legitimate birthright of the young to criticise and find fault with things as they are, no matter whether they be religious, academic or political.

"Wessex News" is the students" newspaper and should be a forum for student opinion, and as far as possible we have tried to reflect accurately and impartially the tone and feeling of the College.

Far too little correspondence is received discussing vital issues of importance to everybody. Many people cannot get to lunch hour meetings to put their point of view, but they can make their contribution just the same in "Wessex News" correspondence columns. Letters should be short and to the point, written on one side of the paper only, and signed with proper name and address, even when a nom-de-plume is meant for publication.

# N.U.S. Annual Congress man without raising the cost of living, and to enforce the civil

as numerous as Easter eggs. any rate many of them, like the Easter egg, are called into being for the sole purpose of enjoyment, but the N.U.S. Annual Congress, to which two Southampton delegates were sent, seemed to strike the happy mean. It provided both a mental and physical stimulant and it is chiefly due to an effer-vescence of that mental stimulus that this short article appears. But it must be realised from the start that it is impossible to compress into a few lines the gist of a conference which lasted six days. However, a concentrated solution of the various speeches may not be out of place.

Prof. G. C. Field set the ball rolling by tracing the history of culture from Plato to the late Middle Ages and brought home one or two interesting points by the vigour of his language. He described, too, the experiment at Bologna where students governed the whole University. Fines could be imposed on professors if they were late for lectures or if set books were not completed by a certain date. It was stipulated, moreover, that all examinees should be treated in a "fatherly and friendly way"! Needless to say such experiments were not successful, but he pointed out that control by the staff with the help and co-operation of the student body was the ideal form of government.

The thread was next taken up by Sir Charles Grant-Robertson whose address proved to be the best of the whole conference. He referred with particular pride to the University of Birmingham, which he described as the first "unitary, independent, autonomous University in England," and which by its foundation disproved the federal system which was being tried at Manchester. Particularly interesting were his criticisms of the modern Civic Universities. He said that while though inadequately substantiated, students were over-lectured, they of an enjoyable and instructive were not taught enough and in such cases a genuine tutorial of learning, New College, Oxford.

Nowadays Easter Conferences system would be an immense seem to be as characteristic and advantage.

Dr. Reinhold Schairer who had lived most of his life in Germany and had had considerable exper-ience of Continental Universities, outlined the dangers which threatened a modern University system. There were three outstanding menaces which had to be checked or prevented. There was the loss of liberty as in totalitarian universities, there was the loss of social balance as in America where only 10% of students leaving the Universities could get immediate employment and there was the industrialisation of the University system which was changing from an institute of learning to one of social advance-

The fourth main speaker was Mr. Ramsay Muir who, drawing copiously from his own experi-ences, discussed the position of the student in University development. He stressed the necessity for students to be alive and critical and not mere jugs into which accepted orthodoxes were poured. He, therefore, deplored the "dead" scribblers of the lecture room whose only duty was to send the ball of fat which had been delivered at the lecture table accurately back over the that he often quoted wrong dates stimulate interest among students, but they were not wholly to blame since part of the responsibility must rest with the

men of ability. One other interesting feature of the Conference was the speech of Dr. Gilbert Murray who spoke on the League of Nations. He described it as a huge machine with no self-starter which instead of being given a real hearty push

to send it on its way, was given an impudent poke in the ribs.

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living and to enforce the eight hour day if possible. In other words we should unite in a democratic alliance to establish in Britain and ultimately in the world a greater degree of material action we can win our demands: by discussion and reading we can understand the problems of the

As citizens of Great Britain, let

us not believe that we are a superior race. Our ancestry is mixed. I myself am partly a Scot, partly an Englishman and remotely a Spaniard. There is nothing to be said for the view that we are a pure race, nor is there any substantion for the belief that we are any more vigorous as a nation than others. We are the equals and no more of the Germans, the French, the Chinese and the Hottentots: they are our brothers and fellow men. who by historical accident speak, look and smell differently from us. Let us here in Great Britain us. Let us here in Great Britain squash any attempt at sabre-rattling and any elforts to whip up "patriotism," which are intended to encourage us military victory by delusions concerning our own superiority to all other races. Let us despise the distributors of white-feathers and that income of limitatic soons. and the singers of jingoistic songs as persons who do not understand the historical significance of patriotism. What is more important than patriotism is Peace and therefore let us unite to preserve it. Let us discover from what authorities who appointed men direction the will to war proceeds of "brains" in preference to and determine the methods of combating the menace. Whatever the youth of the authoritarian countries are made to stand for, let the youth of Great Britain, as young men and women rather than as young Britons, stand for peace and plenty in the world. We are the power in the world. For what else is it that we are to be conscripted? Since ours is the power, let us use it to create a better world than the one in which we were born to live.

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U.C.S. v. GOLDSMITH'S. The College team rode roughshod over Goldsmith's small team. In the Sprints Wallace was not extended and in the relay produced 51.8 secs. for the quarter mile. Pirrie took the lead from the gun and running level pace won the half by 15 yards. The quarter was run at a trot with nobody aftempting to set the pace. Arjas throw with the spear cannot stand as a record since it was made with

as a record since it was made with the bamboo javelin. 100 yds. 1, Wallace, 2 & 3 Gold-smiths. Time 10.6 secs. 880 yds. 1, Pirrie; 2, Goldsmiths 3, Dukes. Time 2 mins. 5.2 secs. Discus. 1, C. T. Reed; 2, O. Arjas; 3, Goldsmiths. 102ft. 5in.

Adjas , 3, Goldsmiths : 12, L5m, Long Jump. 1, Goldsmiths ; 2, Murnaghan ; 3, Goldsmiths. Distance : 19ft. 9½ ins. 220 yds. 1, Wallace ; 2, Mossman ; 3, Goldsmiths. Time 23.5 sees 23.5 secs

1, Arjas; 2, Laakso; 3, dsmiths. Distance: Goldsmiths. 38ft. 51ins.

Mile. 1, Goldsmiths; 2, Moore and Newton-Smith. Time

4 mins. 45.8 secs. 0 yds. 1, Murnaghan; 2, Goldsmiths; 3, Carswell. Time 60.2 secs.

igh Jump. 1, C. T. Reed; 2, Goldsmiths; 3, Laakso. Height High Jump.

5 ft. 5 ins. Javelin. 1, Arjas; 2, Goldsmiths; 3, K. N. Reed. Distance 142ft. Medley Relay. 1, Southampton; 2, Goldsmiths. Time 3 mins. 50.2 secs.

#### EXETER and BRISTOL Despite the adverse nature of

the ground the standard was high at this meet. In the 100 Yards Wally was

clocked to do 9.5 secs. which is 0.2 secs. inside British Native Record and only 0.1 outside World record: and although we cast doubts on this time it was a truly splendid performance.

Our other outstanding athlete was Arjas who in putting the shot from an improvised circle beat the redoubtable Elliott by over 1 foot; the Bristol man reversed the throw in the Javelin when on his last throw he dropped the spear a good yard ahead of Arias.

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The jumps were disappointing: in the high jump C. T. Reed only cleared 5 ft. 2 ins. and Murnaghan only cleared 18 ft. 41 ins. in the

broad jump and damaged his heel. In the three miles Hodkinson produced his scorching finish to gain a valuable second place, whilst in the half Pirrie won vet another race.

The relay, thanks to the fast running of Wallace and Pirrie was won in a very fast time. Results -

Results:—
100 yds. 1, Wallace; 2, Bristol;
3, Exeter. Time 9.5 secs.
880 yds. 1, Pirrie; 2, Bristol;
3, Exeter. Time 2 mins 4.7 secs.

High Jump. 1, Bristol; 2, Exeter; 3, Exeter. Height 5ft. 5ins. Hurdles. 1, Exeter; 2, Carswell; Hurdles. 1, Exet Time 19.6 secs

440 yds. 1, Wallace; 2, Exeter; 3, Bristol. Time 53 secs.

Long Jump. Bristol: Murnaghan; Distance18ft. 21ins. Shot. 1, Arjas; 2, Bristol; 3, Exeter. Distance 40ft. 10 ins. 1 Mile. 1, Bristol; 2, Exeter; 3, Moore. Time 4 mins. 40.+350... 220 yds. 1, Wallace; 2, Bristol; 3. Exeter. Time 22.9 secs.

3, Exeter. Time 22.9 secs.
Discus. 1, Bristol; 2, Exeter; 3,
Reed, C. T. 115ft. 1 in.
3 Miles. 1, Bristol; 2, Hodkinson
3, Exeter. Time 15 mins. 52.3

Javelin. 1, Bristol; 2, Arjas; 3, Exeter. Distance 141ft. 9ins. Relay. 1, Southampton; 2, Bristol. Time 3 mins. 47 secs.

#### U.C.S. v. THE NAVY.

For the first time in the history of College Athletics we won two throwing events against the Navy, Light weight C. T. Reed with fiery throws, outdistanced two husky hercules in the discus and Arjas proved too good for the renowned navy shot-putters. The long jump was disappointing, neither Wallace, with his mincing steps, nor Murnaghan, with a damaged heel, could beat 18 feet. Pirrie as usual won the half with a rather slow time, after a fast

first lap of 60.7 secs.

100 yds. 1, Wallace; 2, Navy; 3,
Navy; 4, Murnaghan. Time

10.4 secs. 880 yds. 1, Pirrie; 2, Navy; 3, Dukes; 4, Navy. Time 2 mins.

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# Long Jump. 1, Navy; 2, Wallace;

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3, Navy; 4, Murnaghan.
Distance 18ft. 10½ins.
Javelin. 1, Navy; 2, Navy; 3,
Arjas; 4, K. N. Reed. Distance 150 ft. 1 in.

220 yds. 1, Wallace; 2, Navy; 3, Carswell; 4, Navy. Time 22.8

secs.
Shot. 1, Arjas; 2, Navy; 3, Navy;
4, Laakso. Distance 40ft. 5ins.
440 yds. 1, Navy; 2, Murnaghan;
3, Carswell; 4, Navy. Time

57.3 secs. 1, Navy; 2, C. High Jump. Reed; 3, Laakso; 4, Navy. Height

Discus. 1, C. T. Reed; 2, Navy; 3, Arjas; 4 Navy. Distance, 102 ft.

102 ft. Hurdles. 1, Navy; 2, Navy; 3, C. T. Reed; 4, Carswell. Time 18.3 secs.

18.3 secs.
3 Miles. 1, Navy; 2, Navy; 3, Hodkinson; 4, Dyer. Time 15 mins. 53.4 secs.
1 Mile. 1, Navy; 2, Moore; 3, N. Smith; 4, Navy. Relay. 1, U.C.S.; 2, Navy. Note: N=R.N. & R.M.

#### CRICKET CLUB. May 3rd.

An interesting game with Southampton Police resulted in a win for the Police by 2 wickets.

Scores: So'ton Police 76 for 8.

U.C.S. 71.

R.A.F., Calshot, fielding a weaker side than usual were all out for 65, and College went on to win easily with 5 wickets down, their final score being 89 for 5. May 13th.

Portsmouth Amateurs, batting first, were all out for 139 (Ford 77). College started well but collapsed half way through their innings. Final Score 92. Eden batted well for 52.

TENNIS CLUB. U.C.S. (Men) v. Bellemoor,

lost 2-7. U.C.S. (Women) v. Bellemoor lost 1-8 U.C.S. v. Southern Railway,

lost 4-

U.C.S. v. West End. lost 3-9. College has made a poor start to the season. However, the scores show rather heavy defeats whereas in fact the games were usually quite close and against West End, College were unfortunate in not securing a draw. College seem to lack the will to win and defeats when a lead of -1 has been gained seem rather

too common

The first men's pair started the season rather shakily but seemed season rather snakily but seemed to have settled down in the last match. The second pair have not so far distinguished themselves, except for a rather lamentable lack of patience. The third pair, have, however, made up for this dogged determination and wearing their opponents down.

In fact, prospects for the

U.A.U.'s against Reading and Bristol this week and next do not look very bright.

The second team started the season worse than the first but have since won a match against Portsmouth Municipal and were only narrowly defeated by Swaything on Saturday.

U.C.S. v. READING.

The Tennis Team needs your

support on Wednesday, so why not come and cheer (or barrack)?

Continued from page 4, col. 2 body of students who appear to take their politics rather more seriously than is perhaps wise at our age. Those who do not belong to this body are more interested in athletics, the work of other College Societies, and, we hope, academic work. Most of them, I think, take an intelligent interest in politics but refuse to allow it to take the most prominent part in their lives.

Nevertheless there is room for a little more indication of life amongst the right-wingers in the College and the fact that the has Conservative Association made unsuccessful attempts to become established, hardly reflects to the credit of those who profess to support the right-wing view-point.

The accusation Conservative Association has been dormant and inactive can easily be refuted. But more support from the general body of students would result in the activities of the Association being more

widely known.
Yours truly,
PHILIP S. KENYON, President, Conservative Association

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## "New University" -May Issue

The May issue of "The New niversity" is on sale to-day. University The main feature of the issue is a full account of the N.U.S. Congress, which, having regard to the importance and the wide range of subjects discussed at the Congress, should be of considerable interest to all students.

A short account of the National Youth Parliament held in London in March written by Guy Fletcher, President of the Liverpool University Guild of Undergraduates, is also published.

Other articles which appear include a "Social Experiment" and "Reflections of a South African Visitor," the former is an interesting account of the recent social legislation and its effects in New Zealand, while the latter are the record of impressions of a South African student about England and English people recorded after a visit as a member of one of the South African parties of students which visited England during the winter.

The Magazine has the usual

editorial items such as Obiter Dicta and reviews as well as a full selection of Students' News from home and abroad and full reports of the Universities Athletic Union and the Women's Inter-'Varsity Athletic Board.

#### INFORMATION.

The following have been given teaching appointments during the

past fortnight: R. P. Edwards, Southend-on-Sea London County K. J. Newman Council A. R. Wife, London County

Council. Swindon Miss K. B. Chapple,

#### VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNION.

The Editor wishes to apologise for having omitted to publish an appreciation of Miss J. Oliver, Vice-President Elect of the Union. The ballot took place too late for announcement last term. We hope to make good our omission in our next issue.

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### Conservatism and Conscription

On Friday, May 12th, Mr. Alan Fyfe,, representing the Central Office, gave an illumina-ting address on the above topic. ting address of interactive civilia.

Notwithstanding the haste with which it was organized there was a good attendance of supporters

"Will you make up a four, Miss St-kl-y?"

Miss St-kl-y?" and hecklers.

Mr. Fyfe gave a straight forward account of the government's policy, pointing out the political and military need for a measure of conscription. He referred to our commitments, deducing from Owing to heavy them the need for military strength. Mr. Chamberlain had shown his Mr. Chamberlain had shown his willingness to give reasonable satisfaction to Germany. That attempt had failed. Even the Socialists realised this and unwillingly found themselves in agreement with the government.

Asserting that the government was pro-Nazi Mr. Leslie said that was pro-twat m. Lesie said that the position was obvious to 'any little fool,' a statement which called forth unanimous and pointed assent. Mr. Atkins said the Prime Minister was genuinely anxious to save the Empire, but tried to do so at the expense of Czecho-Slovakia. Mr. Fyfe argued that owing to the absence of conscription then we were unable to stop Hitler.

We hope that Mr. Holland is

less unhappy now and that attendance at our future meetings will

solve all his troubles.

The attendance at the meeting showed that support for the Conservative viewpoint was not lacking but much remained to be done to make the Association a useful and progressive element in College activities. Further meetings are to be held later in the term and it is hoped that they will arouse much interest as well as controversy which Conserva-tism is not, and has not been, afraid to meet.

To the Editor. Dear Sir,

It has come to my notice that there is uneasiness in authoritative quarters at the apparent suppression of right-wing opinion and predominance of left-wing activities in this College. While not wishing to take sides the authorities appear to feel that such a state of affairs is undesirable and liable to create a wrong impression outside the College.

In the first place I wish to deny categorically that there is any such "suppression," and secondly to say that while the left wing is decidedly active—meetings being held at least once a week and much discussion being engaged in at the present time on the subject of conscription—this is no indication whatever of the existence of general left-wing opinion in this College. On the contrary I venture to suggest that there is a greater percentage of sympathy with the Right. The societies with the Right. The societies whose interests lie mainly in

# Savings of the Week

On the Athletic Field: Woman in the Dip. Class: able to hurl that stick with

Sorry, I'm about to have some coaching." "Yes, but are you going to play tennis?"

Owing to heavy pressure of work Mr. S-d Gr-ff-ths has given up all his engagements.

School Humour as seen by an Teacher: "What is the meaning

of esprit de corps?''
Young girl: "Please, Miss, body odour."

Teacher: "What would you like to be when you grow up?
Girl (not so young): "I want to
be a film-star but if I have no sex-appeal I shall be a teacher.'

On the Hard Courts:

Miss C-mb-n: "His play is no more like Bertie's than Chalk is to cheese."

S. S. House Notes: At a Meeting of the J.C.R.

Replying to an allegation that there was too much noise on the top corridor, Mr. Griffiths accused Mr. Whale of holding tea parties at a late hour. Mr. Whale, in a spirited reply, waxed eloquent on the characwaxed eloquiter of the "squeaker, united frequently having frequently and partaken of his bounty), and assured us that he had been nursing a viper in his bosom."

The Chairman called the attention of the House to the rules forbidding noise and "illegal assembly," and Mr. Whale (no doubt anxious to revise his list of open invitations) asked if he might take Mr. Kingman's reply as meaning that he would not be along for his cup of tea at midnight in exchange. future.

We understand that the President was almost thrown out of a Road House on the way back from Exeter last Wednesday evening. In case admirers should think he was making eyes at the waitress we are able to state that he merely demanded ½d. worth of toffees.

At a Church Social last Friday Philip Kenyon was awarded third prize in a *Millinery* competition. Bravo, Philip, we'd had our suspicions.

Miss Nesta Thomas has been whose interests lie mainly in elected president of Highfield opposition to the Government Hall for next session, and Mr. consist of a small and very active L. M. Wallace, Chairman of Continued on page 3, column 4 "Connaught Combine".

### **Coming Events**

Thursday, May 18th. Socialist Soc. Business Meeting. C.U. Bible Study, Room 35.

C.U. Bible Study, Room 35, 1.25 p.m.

Friday, May 19th.
L.N.U. Study Circle. Mr. Parker on "The Foreign Relations of the U.S.S.R." 1.20.

Saturday, May 20th.

Women's Boat Club Dance.
6.30—11.30 p.m. Highfield Hall. Sunday, May 21st.

Collegiate Service, St. Mary's, South Stoneham.

Monday, May 22nd.
Visit of Professor H. J. de Visit of Professor H. J. de Vleeschauwer, of the University of Ghent. He will lecture on "Problème de la méthode scientifique an XV et XVIe siècles." (including some antecedents of Bacrineau method

cedents of Bacrineau method and leading to the system of Descartes). Room 31, 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23rd.
Professor H. J. de Vleeschauwer on the subject "Le positivisme et la naissance de la philosophie contemporaire." Room 31 at 5.30 p.m.

(The treatment in each lecture

will not be highly technical).

Thursday, May 25th.

C.U. Missionary Study. Room 31, 1.25 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
May 26th, 27th & 28th
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M.A., Vice-Principal of St.
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Monday, May 29th. Whit-Monday

## Personal

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